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AVERAGING INSTRUCTION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to initial examination, kindly amend the above-  
referenced application as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claims 1, 9, and 16 as follows:

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--1. (Amended) A method comprising:  
  
compressing a plurality of pixel values and a rounding  
vector into a first sum vector and a first carry vector;  
  
discarding a least significant bit of the first carry  
vector;  
  
discarding a two least significant bits of the first sum  
vector; and

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